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SUBJ: ROMANIAN CONTEMPORARY PAINTING EXHIBITION

1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION AND ASSISTANCE FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SHOWING OF EXHIBITION IN U.S. (BEYOND "THREE CITIES - FOUR WEEKS" FORMULA OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT) FOLLOWING CLOSING AT MINNESOTA MUSEUM ON OCTOBER 9. ON BALANCE, WE ARE INCLINED TO BE FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE ON THIS REQUEST. HOWEVER, EMBASSY REACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR FOLLOW-THROUGH AT THIS END DESIRED BEFORE WE MAKE ANY DEFINITE COMMITMENTS.

2. POSSIBLE SITE FOR SHOWING (PENDING SURVEY BY US AND ROMANIANS) IS UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. EXHIBITION CURATOR DAN GRIGORESCU ADVISED US THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED FORMER U.S. FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FROM U.CHICAGO WHO HAD BEEN IN ROMANIA SUGGESTED TO

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CENTER IT TRY TO OBTAIN THIS EXHIBITION AFTER LEARNING ABOUT

SHOWINGS IN WASHINGTON AND AKRON. ROMANIAN EMBASSY VAGUELY DISCUSSED THIS WITH US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT WEEKS, BUT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY DETAILS. CENTER HAS BEEN IN SPORADIC CONTACT WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY ABOUT MATTER DURING THE SUMMER AND CONTACTED USIA ON SEPTEMBER 26 TO FIND OUT HOW TO OBTAIN EXHIBITION, EVIDENTLY IN RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY SUGGESTION.

3. WE DO NOT VIEW THE "THREE SITES - FOUR WEEKS" FORMULA AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO FULFILLING REQUEST SINCE SPIRIT OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT IS TO FACILITATE (I.E., NOT LIMIT) EXCHANGES TO FULLEST EXTENT MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. IN THIS SPIRIT, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CURATOR COSTS OF ONE ADDITIONAL SHOWING ALONG LINES AGREED UPON FOR OTHER THREE, IF EMBASSY CONCURS.

4. EMBASSY PREFERENCES FOR MOST USEFUL FORMALIZING ARRANGEMENTS (E.G., EMBASSY NOTE TO MFA OR COUNCIL, EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN WASHINGTON, ETC.) ARE ALSO SOLICITED. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN THIS CONNECTION WHETHER SOME QUID PRO QUO SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO PROMOTE OUR PROGRAM INTERESTS IN ROMANIA.

5. FYI. ROMANIANS HERE HAVE MENTIONED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS POSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING EXHIBITION TO CANADA FOR SHOWINGS FOLLOWING U.S. TOUR. GRIGORESCU STATED ON SEPTEMBER 27 THAT AMBASSADOR BOGDAN HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT RETURNING THE EXHIBITION FROM CANADA TO U.S. FOR ADDITIONAL SHOWING IN THE INDEFINITE FUTURE. IN VIEW IMPRECISION OF THESE PLANS, WE WILL NOT ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THAT POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH WE WILL BEAR IT IN MIND. KISSINGER

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